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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, ETRD, EFIN, SA

SUBJECT: GOLD RETRIEVAL

REF STATE 82205

1. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY YOUR PROMPT ANSWER ON THE MATTER OF THE SAUDI GOLD BEING HELD IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT YET PASSED YOUR COMMENTS TO SONBOL OF THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY BECAUSE HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INQUIRE ABOUT THE MISSING 157 KILOS CONCERNING WHICH YOU MAKE NO MENTION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT ASPECT OF THE MATTER?

2. ALSO, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES, IF I CAN CONVINCE YOU THAT THEY EXIST, OF TAKING OVER THE NEGOTIATION OF THIS MATTER WITH ALIREZA. ALTHOUGH I HAD INITIAL DOUBTS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF INFORMING HIM ABOUT THE MATTER AT AN EARLY STAGE, THAT MAY BE THE BETTER ROUTE TO TAKE. IF YOU AGREE, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM SONBOL WHEN NEXT I DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO CHANGE THE DIALOGUE TO ONE BETWEEN THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE DEPARTMENT. ALIREZA COULD THEN WRITE THE LETTER MENTIONED PARA 2 OF REFTEL ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING POINTS MENTIONED IN SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THAT PARAGRAPH.

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3. WE AWAIT YOUR COMMENTS.

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